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States to have been \$2,000,000,000. A year ago, on May 1, 1899, it was only \$1,000,000,000, having increased more than \$1,000,000,000 within a year. When Mr. Bryan was nominated, in 1896, it was \$1,000,000,000, and has increased 85 per cent since that time.

The democracy is so devoted to free trade that the small temporary duty imposed on imports from Porto Rico is denounced as a national disgrace. Were that party to gain control of the government, it would attempt to establish free trade between the United States and Europe, so that everything we bought with the cheap money it promises us would be made in Germany, England or any other old place rather than in the United States.

During the protective tariff administration of President McKinley, we have exported an average of \$481,702,015 a year more than we imported.

With the tariff wall of protection built high up around our home market, the markets of the world have taken every year \$25,753,604 more of American products and manufacturers than they did under free trade.

Morally Protection is the better policy for the American farmer, wage earner and manufacturer.

The export trade balance in favor of the United States during the first three years of President McKinley's administration amounted to \$1,483,000,000. More than one-half of that sum represents what was paid for labor in manufacturing these exports, for which the rest of the world paid. In other words the republican policy has obliged the world, in the last three years, to pay at least \$750,000,000 to American labor, which would employ 750,000 men for one year at a salary of \$1000 per year. This is one reason why work is plenty, wages good, and the home consumption of American products has largely increased.

DISCOMFITED FOREIGNERS AND FREE TRADERS.

The foreign shipping interests, and their free trade mercenaries, who are fighting the shipping bill, have endeavored to unite the democrats in congress in opposition to the bill and in advocacy of free ships. This scheme has been neatly nipped in the bud by a number of patriotic democrats who are members of the house merchant marine and fisheries committee, and who have united upon a report on the shipping bill in which a few not unacceptable amendments to it are proposed, and in which report subsidies are declared to be the only practical means with which to revive our merchant marine. This democratic minority report contains the complete declaration that free ships are impracticable and unworthy of consideration, as being a policy that the democrats themselves refused to adopt when they had the chance, and which they never would adopt. Besides the report says it is well known that republicans would never consent to such legislation, as it would be ruinous to American shipyards. Thus defeated and checkmated, the humiliation and embarrassment of the foreign shipping lobby and its free trade friends must be acute. This democratic minority report declares that the shipping question is a national and not a partisan one. Here, at least, these democrats align themselves with progressive and patriotic republicans to the discomfiture and defeat of the foreigners and their American free trade allies.

Macon Won.

Editor Herald:—I saw in the Review a report of a game of ball that was played at Macon on Saturday, May 12, between the Decatur Mayflowers and the Macon Hard Batters and the Decatur boys claimed they beat us 10 to 4, which was not right. We beat them 11 to 4. They could not play just a little bit. They were nothing but Decatur toughs. They went to every back door in town banging hands. Mr. Phillips took pity on them and gave them some pie. They made a rush after them and broke a show case. They kept their old mule and horse tied up in the sun all day without anything to eat. There was just one nickel in the crowd and they bought a pie and cut it in nine pieces. You will please publish this and oblige the manager of the Macon Hard Batters, the kid nine.

Donates Garden Seed.

James Hughes of the Hughes & Funk seed store made the free kindergarten a present of all the garden seeds needed for the garden to be set out in the process of nature demonstration which is a part of the kindergarten work. Along with the seeds was enough advice about the planting of the seeds to make the garden grow well until the next rain, all of which was thankfully received by the young ladies in charge of the school.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lima Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and also constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, Try It. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by J. E. King and C. P. Shilling, druggists.

The Best Way to Conquer Anger is to Give it a Dose of Bitters.

TRY GRAIN-O! TRY AGAIN!

Ask your doctor to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O! and the new drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who are like to use GRAIN-O! has that rich seal brown of Mocha Java, but it is made from pure grain and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. It is the price of coffee, 10c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

ROBBED THE P. O.

Office at Wapella Relieved of Nearly Two Hundred.

DONE ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Money Taken Was All in Small Bills and Change—No Clue Left.

A SUSPECT AT BLOOMINGTON

At Wapella Tuesday night burglars broke into the postoffice and stole near \$200 in money and stamps. The robbery was discovered Wednesday morning and the postoffice bloodhounds were called for. Charlie Brad took the dogs to that town and they followed a trail from the postoffice to a house in the edge of the town. The work of the dogs was satisfactory to the postmaster. The bounds were brought back to the city on the evening train. Just before Mr. Braden left the town a telegram was received from the Bloomington authorities saying that a man had been arrested there and that it was believed that he was one of the persons concerned in the robbery. He had a large amount of money on his person. The Wapella postmaster left at once for that town in the hope that he could identify the suspect. There is a suspicion at Wapella that the robbery was committed by some one who had a key to the building. An entrance was effected to the building by unlocking the front door of the building. There were formerly three keys to this building but when the postmaster took charge of it he was able to secure but two of them.

After the thieves were once inside they did not have any trouble in finding the money which was kept in drawers inside of the office. They took \$100 in cash, nearly all of it being in small change. The biggest bill in the lot was not over \$2. Under that denomination the money was in dollars and small change. From another drawer the robbers secured about \$70 in stamps. Of the stamps taken there were 200 ten-cent stamps; 200 eight-cent stamps; 200 five-cent stamps; 1500 two-cent stamps and 40 or 50 one-cent stamps. The Decatur police were notified of the robbery early in the morning and asked to go on the lookout for the thieves. The robbers did not leave the slightest clue and there is little for the officers to work on but the Wapella people are hopeful that the officers in some of the neighboring towns will finally stumble on to them.

HARD TO PLEASE.

Master's Report Does Not Suit Either Side—The Court Considers.

In the circuit court Wednesday the time was taken up principally with arguments on the master's report in the suit of Evans vs. Bundy. The complainant had asked for an accounting, claiming that he was a partner with Bundy in a saw mill. The latter denied that Evans had any business as partner but admitted that he (Bundy) had borrowed money from Evans. After hearing evidence Master-in-Chancery Finn reported that Evans was a partner in the concern, but he did not say how much was due Evans in an accounting. Evans objected because the report did not say what was his due and Bundy objected because he did not want a partner.

C. O. Laforgue

opined the argument for Bundy D. Hutchinson and John C. Lee in turn followed for Evans and W. E. Robinson closed the argument for Bundy. When they had concluded Judge Vail said that he would think about it.

These were the docket entries entered:

PROFEES.

Frank Cain, burglary and grand larceny; T. P. Drew and J. H. Krebs appointed to defend.

CHANCERY.

Arthur E. Evans vs. Frank Bundy; injunction. Leave to file exceptions to master's report in behalf of complainant. Elizabeth Mitchell vs. Louis S. Draper et al; foreclosure. Costs paid and suit dismissed.

Frances V. Marshall vs. Gertrude Marshall; divorce. Proof of publication made. Lillian Boyd vs. Jesse Boyd; divorce. Proof of publication made.

LAW.

M. I. Rider vs. John J. Prince, doing business under the firm name of Prince & Co.; attachment. Proof of publication. One Hunter vs. Fletcher W. Lawrence et al; trespass. Rule to plead extended to second Monday.

ELECTIONS.

Many a man lays down his life in trying to lay up money.

The Real Danger

from heart disease is not the possibility of a sudden death, for they are comparatively few; but following in the wake of this dread disease comes a general breaking down of every organ of the body. Circulation is retarded; digestion is deranged; the blood is contaminated; the nerves weakened and the brain clouded. If your heart is affected begin at once to guard against these dangers. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure has saved thousands who were given up to die, and it will help you, too, if you try it. "For several years I was troubled with nervousness, sleeplessness, palpitation of the heart, shortness of breath, smothering spells and pain in chest, back, left side and arm. I was so very bad that I remained in my bed the whole of one summer. Was treated by three physicians, but derived no benefit. Finally I saw a paper advertising Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure and hesitated no more. I began to feel better and was so greatly benefited that I am now doing my own housework and enjoy excellent health." Mrs. BERTHA KURTZ, 909 20th St., Milwaukee, Wis. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold at all druggists at a positive guarantee. Write for free advice and booklet to Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

THE LAST SESSION

Close of the Annual Meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Missionaries.

PLEASED WITH THIS CITY

Gathering Here Said to Be the Most Pleasant in the History of the Society.

THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, ETC

Wednesday's meeting closed what the members of the twentieth annual missionary convention of the Cumberland Presbyterian Mission, chose to call the most pleasant and beneficial meeting in many respects, ever held. The delegates began to leave Decatur on Wednesday morning and all during the day the outgoing trains bore numbers of them away. By noon today, all with a very few exceptions, will have gone.

The women of the convention got only in the forenoon words spoken yesterday but all the way through have expressed themselves as more than pleased with the entertainment and courtesies shown to them by Decatur people, and they have left behind them an impression that is equally as flattering as the one they are taking away. The hostesses who opened their homes to the delegates have with one accord spoken of their delight and pleasure in having the delegates with them.

The women who were entertained were without exception, broad minded, intelligent, substantial women, whom it was a pleasure to meet. Especially in this true of the members of the board and their admirable president, Mrs. W. J. Darby, who created the most favorable impression by her sweetness of manner and the strength of character, shown in her ruling.

The morning session was given over to synodical reports. All synods heard from were reported in a flourishing condition.

The committee on future work read a lengthy report, the two most important items of which were the training school which will be established for missionaries and assisting the church which is to be established at San Francisco. Resolutions endorsing the work of the board and missionaries were adopted in the report.

In the afternoon an offering which is to form the nucleus of the training school was asked for and \$50 were contributed. The location of the school will be decided when the fund has assumed a more encouraging proportion. The report was full of praise for Miss Magness, the field secretary.

"Know ledge is Power and How to Obtain It" was the subject discussed by Mrs. Nellie Bergen of Lincoln. She said that the church informed was the church transformed and gave many thoughts as to how the knowledge should be not before those who are not interested. A paper by Mrs. A. R. Brown of Erie, Tenn., on the subject, "Secretary of Literature at Work" following up the line of interesting women in the missionary work through the literature and recommended that each society have a secretary of literature whose work it should be to circulate the church publications and ask women outside of the society to prepare papers, etc.

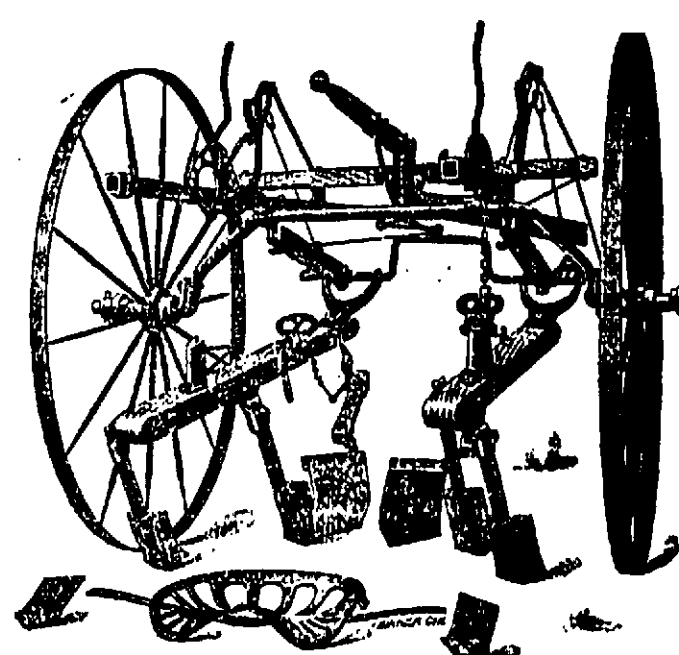
Address of this Mrs. Darby asked all those in the house who could their first interest in missions to missionary literature to arise and more than one-half of the women present arose. Miss Magness said that at the continental conference such a vote had been taken and nine out of every ten women present, arose.

The committee on resolutions, after expressing a general appreciation of the pleasure of the convention, expressed thanks to the members of the church, to Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hawkins, to the choir and orchestra, to the Endeavor society, to the sister societies of other denominations, to the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Van Horn and Miss Froeland of Japan, Dr. and Mrs. Logan of China and Miss Hadstus of the mountain mission, to visiting pastors, to Miss Lolla Hollingsworth, to the ladies of the church and their co-workers from Mattoon, Danbury, Sullivan, Arcadia, Madison, Blue Mount, Sandy Grove, Bethlehem, North Park and Mr. Zion for the beautiful reports served meal day and to others who had helped make the meeting a success.

THE BADGER RIDING CULTIVATOR

STEEL WHEELS. WOOD BEAMS. STEEL SHANKS. BUILT FOR BUSINESS—NOT FOR LOOKS.

ENTIRELY ORIGINAL NOTHING LIKE IT.



Ugly as Sin—but Has Many Friends.

A little boy is at home with it on a back furrow, in a dead furrow or on a hill side plowing corn. They work anywhere.

No Neck Weight! Light of Draft! And no Cultivator is so Easy to Operate!

We will be pleased to show you through our line of goods at any time. We have several good makes of Riding Cultivators, the Casaday Plows, Decatur Corn Planters, Harrows, Rollers, Seeders, etc.

THE F. B. TAIT MANUFACTURING CO.

328 East Cerro Gordo Street, Decatur, Ill.

ATHLETICS AT CHAMPAIGN.

Decatur High School Boys Will Compete There Saturday.

The members of the High School athletic association are not feeling good over the fact that the best of the railroads will do for them in the way of making a rate for the annual intercollegiate meet at Champaign on Saturday is to offer them a round trip ticket for \$1.50. The rate was only \$1.50 last year and the boys had let themselves to believe that they would get the same rate this year and with that understanding they had induced about fifty of the students of the school and their friends to pledge themselves to go over to attend the meeting. Now they fear that they will not be able to get over a dozen to go besides the members of the team.

It will be remembered that the meeting last year the championship pennant was carried off by the Biggsville school. The Biggsville team has gone to places this year and there is no danger of that school repeating the performance of last year, consequently the athletes are figuring around to see who stands a show to get the pennant this year. It is pretty generally conceded that the West Aurora school stands the best show but the Decatur, Taylorville and Champaign schools are not far behind and may by some happy circumstance get the first or second places. The members of the Decatur team and the events they are entered in are as follows:

Fifty and 100-yard dash and quarter mile bicycle, Ed Keller.

Quarter, half and mile run and shot put, Lindsay.

Pole vault, Leonard.

High jump, Nelson.

Hammer throw, VanGuilder.

The members of the team have been doing some hard practice since their defeat at Taylorville and will be in much better shape for the contest at Champaign. Lindsay has run the quarter in 22 3/4 and the mile in 4:17 which is close to the record. Leonard has vaulted 9:5 in his practice in the past week while the Champaign record is only 9:0. Keller is doing well in the bicycle races and if the crowd is not a very fast one at Champaign Ed will come back with some of the bicycle trials.

CALLED HER NAMES.

Warrant issued for a Profane Farm Hand.

Mrs. Emma Floyd, the wife of a farmer residing north of the city, appeared before Justice of the Peace Hans Wednesday and swore out a

CLOSE THE LEASE

Street Car Company Take
Riverside for Another Year.

FAIRLAWN RULES TOO STRICT

They Make It Hard for Picnic Seekers
to Enjoy the Day of Pleasure
They are Looking For.

FEW RULES AT RIVERSIDE

The Decatur Traction company has closed the lease for Riverside park for another year and the public has been told that the pleasure of that park is for the picnic season only. The company has planned to make a number of improvements on the park that would be made in the summer. The park is a beautiful place and one of the most beautiful parks in this part of the state. The company has planned to make a number of improvements on the park that would be made in the summer. The park is a beautiful place and one of the most beautiful parks in this part of the state.

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WANT MUSIC.

Sunday Concerts at Fairlawn Park Asked
For by Citizens.

During the last few weeks, since the advent of pleasant spring weather on a number of occasions the work has been expressed that the park commission would make arrangements with the Fairlawn park on Sunday afternoon. The traction company has expressed the work of building a line to the park and there is no place near Decatur that will afford the opportunity of a quiet afternoon as does Fairlawn park. The park commission has expressed the work of building a line to the park and there is no place near Decatur that will afford the opportunity of a quiet afternoon as does Fairlawn park.

DECLINE THE CALL.

Rev. Bishop Will Not Come to St. John's Church.

A letter was received on Thursday morning from Rev. Clarence Bishop of New Haven, Conn., saying that he would not accept the invitation to preach at the congregation of St. John's Episcopal church. Mr. Bishop had also a call from a church in the east at the time the call to Decatur reached him and he has decided to stay in the east. The people of St. John's were very much pleased with Mr. Bishop and regret that he will not come to Decatur.

Sunday School Statistics.

At the state Sunday school convention at Paris some statistics of interest were presented.

In the report of General Secretary W. B. Jacobs of Chicago, showing the present number of Sunday schools in Illinois to be 7050. The aggregate number of pupils is 608,163, with 85,207 officers and teachers. The increase in membership for the year was 14,000, and the number received into the church from the Sunday schools was 18,200. During the year 102 conventions were held in each of the 102 counties of the state, and 125 township conventions were held. The sum of \$65,903.70 was collected for missions.

Stole a Horse.

Thursday morning Chief Applicants received word from Cerro Gordo stating that the barn of Link McLaughlin near that place had been entered on Wednesday night and a bay mare stolen. The animal is six years old and weighs about 1200 pounds.

Home from St. Louis.

George Post of this city, and J. F. Van Dusen of Mecon, have returned home from St. Louis, where they have been for the past few days attending the big shooting match which has been in progress there and has been attended by the crack shots from all over the country.

Deeds Recorded.

John Marker to Laura J. Marker, eighth quarter of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 71, township 6 north, range 4 east, \$317.

Fell From a Table.

Mrs. A. B. Moll living in the 1400 block on North College street fell from a table while cleaning a window on Thursday morning and quite severely injured her arm by striking her elbow as she fell.

Rough Play.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith while playing on Wednesday afternoon the side of the head by stone thrown by another boy. His ear was cut and the injury was slight.

Illinois Rally Song-1900.

(Tune, Illinois, Illinois.) The last two lines of each verse should be repeated, omitting one of the words "Illinois" on the last line of each verse.)

Proud gem of all Columbia's states,
Illinois! Illinois!
Nations favor's son, Dick Yates,
Illinois! Illinois!
Whose loyal heart none nominate,
While hands and cannon celebrate
His summons to the chair of state,
Illinois! Illinois!

Honoring still his sire of yore,
Illinois! Illinois!

Who took us grandly thro' the war,
Illinois! Illinois!

And 'till he our happiest fate
A patriot's claim to vindicate
To make his burial chief of state,
Illinois! Illinois!

From farm and shop with glad acclaim,
Illinois! Illinois!

We'll rally to that honored name,
Illinois! Illinois!

And prove to all our sister states,
And to all within the union's gates,
Our gratitude to old Dick Yates,
Illinois! Illinois!

Then let the praises ring with joy,
Illinois! Illinois!

In honor of this patriot's boy,
Illinois! Illinois!

Blowing from four million throats,
Rising upward in heroic notes,
Proclaim him governor by our votes,
Illinois! Illinois!

—G. A. R.
Bloomington, Ill., May 10, 1900.

WILL CONFER.

Y. M. C. A. Secretaries to Meet Here
Next Wednesday.

The Y. M. C. A. secretaries of central Illinois will hold a conference in this city on Wednesday afternoon. It is expected that at least 20 of the secretaries will be in attendance at the meeting. Secretary Estabrook of the city department of this city has received a number of letters in reply to the invitations sent out recently and the secretaries are much interested in the conference. The Y. M. C. A. will be in the city to attend the conference.

The meeting will be held at the rooms of the city department, and at noon the members of the conference will be guests to the railroad department. The guests will dine there and inspect the headquarters of the work among the railroad men.

The session of the conference will be devoted to discussion of the best methods of work for increasing the membership of the associations and the best plan of securing new buildings will be discussed.

Similar meetings will be held at Dixon and Ocala in this state.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Decatur Physicians Home—Dr. E. J. Brown Elected Treasurer.

The Decatur physicians and other members of the Mecon County Medical society who attended the state medical meeting at Springfield returned home yesterday. The Decatur medical society was honored by having one of its members, Dr. E. J. Brown, elected treasurer of the state society. Dr. S. E. McClelland was the representative of this society on the nominating committee.

At the banquet on Wednesday evening Dr. W. J. Clendenen responded to a toast by the physicians of this city. The toast was "The Physician and the Doctor." The toast was responded to by Dr. David Howe. Dr. Robert Deal, a veteran practitioner aged 94 years, was present and responded to a toast.

Decatur doctors who were present were Dr. Miles E. McClelland, Dr. P. Parrish, Dr. W. J. Clendenen, Dr. E. J. Brown, Dr. A. D. Collins, N. P. Collins, W. A. Dixon, A. F. Wilhelm, H. C. Jones, W. C. Wood and E. J. Brown.

Sunday School Workers.

Superintendent Gorman and A. H. Miller and B. F. Stanley returned from last night from Paris, where they had been attending the state Sunday school convention. They report that the meeting was one of the most successful held in recent years. There were many features and there was an increased interest shown in the work. At the banquet held on Wednesday night Rev. M. B. Boyd responded to a toast and the program. There was a large number of graduates from the normal department. They were addressed by Dr. Gorman of this city. Among the graduates were Mr. Miller and Mr. Stanley of this city.

Paid a Fine.

Rose Burkham was arrested at his home south of this city by Constable Miller and brought to the city, where he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Lane on the charge of using indecent language to a neighbor woman. Burkham denied that he had used the language charged against him but said rather than fight with a trial he would pay the fine of \$3 which was assessed against him.

With Rubber Tires.

The horse wagon stationed at the West Main street house has been equipped with rubber tires and both of the chemical was one to be treated in the same way. The question of thus equipping the wagon has been under discussion for some time and the commission finally decided in favor of the improvement. Chief Deane is positive that the change will result in a big saving in the matter of repairs.

Club House Contract.

Wright Parsons has been awarded the contract for the building of the club house of the county club. The Decatur lumber company has the contract for the lumber and mill work.

Big Bike Meet.

At Terre Haute on Decoration day there will be a big meeting of bicyclists. The program includes events for professionals and amateurs. A number of the riders from this city expect to go over and enter in the amateur events.

Back to His Ship.

Walter Eaton, a cadet in the United States navy, has been the guest of his parents, Will Eaton and wife, for the past two days, left Thursday night for New York, where he will resume service on the new ship Kearsarge.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles M. Hall, Elwin...
Pearley A. Todrow, Mr. Auburn...
Charles Anderson, Boody...
Ada Johnson, Boody...

WHEAT WAS DULL

Market Within a Narrow
Range With the Close
Lower.

CORN SENTIMENT DIVIDED

Bull Feeling Not So Prevalent But
Close a Shade Higher
On May.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Chicago, May 17—Wheat rather dull most of the session, the range being narrow, at $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. Feeding stuff at start, but an easier tone developed later and the close showed $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. The May again showed too much rain in the southwest and continued dry northwest, which, with the heavy rain in the southwest, induced moderate local buying.

Spot Liverpool was unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢, heavy higher, and futures were up $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. As the season advanced there was considerable local liquidation led by the professionals and prices yielded to the same. The market for rain tonight and tomorrow for the northwest doubtless had much to do with the change of sentiment. New York reported nine boatloads accepted.

Corn—There was a fair trade but the volume, however, was less than yesterday with the range $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. The local market was less divided, the close showing May a shade higher and July unchanged. The start was steadier on better cables, small receipts and light acceptances yesterday. Large seaboard business was also something of a factor. The feature was the strength of May, which sold within $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of the bull traders, but the offer was increased and prices gradually declined. New York reported 23 boatloads accepted.

Oats—Active at the opening and again at the close. The interim was dull and prices receded $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, but reacted and closed steady. There was a break with corn, and a rally with cash business.

GRAIN, FLOUR AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, May 17—Wheat—May 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Corn—May 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Oats—May 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Flour—May 1.00; July 1.00.

Provisions—May 1.00; July 1.00.

Poultry—May 1.00; July 1.00.

Butter—May 1.00; July 1.00.

Eggs—May 1.00; July 1.00.

Beans—May 1.00; July 1.00.

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NEARBY TOWNS.

SULLIVAN.

Archibald Cochran returned to Springfield Monday.

Miss Dora Hammond is the guest of her sister in Cerro Gordo.

Fred Wiley and Joe Eden left Monday for a visit in Chicago with the former's mother, Mrs. J. W. Wiley.

James Cochran returned to Bloomington Monday, where she is attending school.

George Fields was a Springfield visitor the first of the week.

O. B. Lowe went to Normal Monday to take a three months' course in the school there.

Will Bland, of Cerro Gordo, spent Sunday in Sullivan.

Miss Mamie Scott was a Windsor visitor over Sunday.

Mrs. Roxie Atterberry spent Sunday in Reno, the guest of relatives.

George Duncanson was up from Windsor the first of the week.

Mrs. Edith Ellis of Forrest, is the guest of W. L. Landon and family this week.

Miss Don Willy, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Willy for a few weeks expect to leave the first of the week for Elwood, Ind., from there Mr. and Mrs. Willy will go to New Orleans for the summer.

Novia Smith to spend several days in Sullivan.

Miss Mary Taylor spent Sunday in Lawrence, the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Baker.

Miss Margaret McIntyre has been quite ill for several days.

N. S. Cook returned from Bedford, Ind., Wednesday, and has accepted an indefinite tour with W. C. Crawford for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Watson, of Columbus, O., arrived in our city the first of the week from Decatur, where they have been attending the Woman's missionary convention. Rev. Watson was pastor of the C. P. church here for several years.

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ASKING DAMAGES

Mrs. Sterrett Brings Suit
Against Jacob Hanes
For \$20,000.

ALLEGES BREACH OF PROMISE

Sequel to a Sensation That Recently
Furnished Gossip for
the Public.

MR. HANES WILL CONTEST THE CASE

Mrs. Lucy V. Sterrett has filed a suit for \$20,000 for breach of promise against Jacob Hanes. The plaintiff is a well-to-do woman who was formerly engaged to the defendant. She alleges that he broke the promise and that she has suffered great financial loss as a result. The case is expected to be tried in the near future.

MADE A HIT.

Dr. Chenoweth Responded to a Sock at the Banquet.

Thursday night a banquet was given at the Hotel... Dr. Chenoweth's response to the sock was a great hit and was loudly applauded.

Short Session.

The session of circuit court Thursday was short. There were a few formal motions which were disposed of without argument as follows:

- LAW.**
Alva Watson vs. A. W. Williams et al. appeal; appeal. Rule on defendant to refund docket fee by next Monday.
- CHANCERY.**
John A. Selders vs. Anna M. Selders; divorce; proof of publication made.
Hannah Harris vs. Lewis Harris; divorce. Same order.
- Probate.**
James E. Albright vs. James E. Albright; divorce. Appeal appointed for next Monday.
- Partition.**
E. A. Parks vs. Sherman A. Parks; partition. E. A. Parks appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.
- Joseph L. Perry vs. Charlotte Perry.** Divorce. Rule on defendant in cross bill to answer by next Monday.
- STONINGTON.**
Miss Nellie Dwyer returned from Decatur Monday.
- Lulu Clements.** of Decatur, spent Sunday with her parents.
- Prof. Mounts** was a Taylorville visitor Monday.
- Mr. Anglo Alling** was shopping in Taylorville Monday.
- Prof. Mounts** entertained the graduates of his home Monday evening.
- Thomas** present were Ada Drake, Nellie Larkin, Anna Flynn and Roy Collier.
- W. H. Henshaw** and wife of Blue Mound, were the guest of A. Z. Housley and family.
- T. Bauer** went to Champalain Sunday on visit relatives.
- W. B. Shawmaker** and wife, of Venice, are visiting relatives here.
- Mrs. Ed Regan**, of Chicago, is the guest of Charles O'Dell, of Moweaqua, was here Monday.

BASE BALL RESULTS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Indianapolis	15	6	.714
Cleveland	14	9	.607
Milwaukee	13	7	.652
Chicago	13	10	.565
Minneapolis	12	14	.464
Boston	8	12	.400
Kansas City	9	10	.360
Detroit	6	15	.288

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	15	6	.714
Brooklyn	14	8	.700
Chicago	13	10	.565
St. Louis	10	11	.477
Cincinnati	9	12	.431
New York	8	14	.360
Pittsburgh	5	11	.300

AMERICAN.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Buffalo	17	5	.773
Minneapolis	16	8	.667
Indianapolis	15	9	.619
Chicago	14	10	.583
St. Louis	13	11	.543
Cleveland	12	12	.500
Pittsburgh	11	13	.454
Brooklyn	10	14	.417
Detroit	9	15	.375
Kansas City	8	16	.333

POSTPONED.

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Joseph	17	5	.773
Chicago	17	5	.773
St. Louis	17	5	.773
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WESTERN.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Pueblo	17	5	.773
St. Joseph	17	5	.773
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COLLEGE GAMES.

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The Last Session.

Chicago, May 17.—The concluding session of the western football conference was held here today several papers being read. Dr. F. A. Gilmore, of Madison, Wis., in a address declared the tendency of modern churches was to ward spiritualism. The following officers were elected: President—Lawrence C. Gower, Minneapolis, Minn. Secretary—Rev. F. C. Southworth, Chicago. Treasurer—H. W. Hodge, Chicago.

Insurgents Meet Defeat.

Colon, Colombia, May 17.—News has been received here of a victory by the government troops over the insurgents in a battle in the town of Medellin which began May 11, and lasted seventy hours. General Lora and Herrera were among the killed, who are said to have been very numerous, the slaughter being described as "horrible butchery." Twelve hundred insurgents were taken prisoner, the government troops capturing a large quantity of guns and rifles.

Plague is Spreading.

Vancouver, May 17.—The steamer, Arragon, is in port today from Sydney and brings news of new cases of bubonic plague reported from almost every seaport town in Australia. Even in the interior the dread disease is making its appearance under conditions which puzzled the plague experts. Under official reticence an army of 12,000 rats have already been incinerated. The government is spending 30,000 pounds monthly in an effort to free New South Wales from the plague.

The Plague.

Sydney, May 17.—Two hundred and thirty-five cases of bubonic plague have been officially reported. Of these 70 proved fatal.

Married.

Walter King and Amanda Rodgers were married Wednesday night by Rev. Fred Craft, at his residence on West Main street. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends.

WARRENSBURG.

Carl W. Heister went to Newman on his wheel Wednesday.

DEATH HIS BRIDE

Harry Miller Found Fatally
Injured Beside Illinois
Central Track.

WAS ON HIS WAY TO DECATUR

To Join Miss Mary Bamberger of
This City and Make Her
His Wife.

HOW HE WAS INJURED A MYSTERY

Harry Miller, of Reading, Pa., a cigar-maker, was found near the Illinois Central tracks a mile and a half north of Moweaqua Thursday morning, fatally injured. He was found by the section men, who at once took him to Moweaqua where Dr. Sprigley and Pratt were called to attend him. Later the physician was assisted by Dr. Godfrey and Dr. Brunner. The injured man was suffering with a fractured skull and the depressed portions were raised in order that the brain might be relieved. The injury to the brain, however, had been so severe that nothing could give him relief. Miller died about 5:15 p. m.

The name of the man was learned from papers he carried in his pockets. He carried a cigar-maker's card and he had in his pockets letters from Mary Bamberger, of Decatur. A message was sent to this city by the authorities at Moweaqua informing Miss Bamberger that Harry Miller was there, perhaps fatally injured. Miss Bamberger lives with her step-father and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Anderson, at 828 North Jasper street. She went to Moweaqua on the 4 o'clock Illinois Central train and arrived at the side of Miller about 20 minutes before he died. He was not, however, conscious and could not recognize the young woman. Before she went to Moweaqua Miss Bamberger said: "Miller's home was at Reading, Pa., where his widowed mother lives. He has brothers and sisters living there but I did not know them. He was 20 years old and he and I were engaged to be married. The last letter I had said that he would soon come to Illinois where he expected to get work at his trade, and as we would be married. He did not say just when he would be here but I expected that it would be during this month. Of course I know nothing about how he was hurt but I am going to see him as soon as possible."

The opinion was that Miller had been injured some time during Wednesday night. He was lying in the weeds near to the track and had the appearance of having been lying there for a number of hours.

At Moweaqua last night the statement was made that an inquest would be held this forenoon but no one there could at that time say what disposition would be made of the remains.

TOM RICHARDSON RESIGNS.

Resigned From the Police Force Last Night.

Officer Thomas Richardson resigned his position on the police force last night to take effect immediately. After handling in the resignation to Captain Lawrence of the night force Richardson went to the Short street station and taking his effects went home. The officer stated to some of his brother officers that he had a job and would go to work at it today.

Officer Richardson gave no reason for his action but it is presumed that it was an account of his dissatisfaction at being changed from an up town beat.

Last Monday Captain Lawrence changed the beats of four of the night men. Officer Richardson and Officer Kitchner, who had been working in the up town district, were moved to the lower and Officers McElidith and Ponewash were given the up town beats. No reason was given by the captain for the change in the positions of the men.

The change did not meet with the approval of Richardson, who declared that it was made out of favoritism for one of the officers who was moved from the lower to the upper district. He declared that he had served one beat that was a bad one during the winter months and that he would not work on an objectionable beat to allow another man to have the advantage of the up town beat. He said that the weather was good. James H. Richardson had been assigned, is considered one of the best desired districts to work in.

In consequence of the resignation the night police force worked one man short last night and there is an opening for some good man willing to serve his country in the role of a policeman.

Bridge Burning.

Wednesday morning the eastbound passenger train on the Vandall found the bridge spanning Sand Creek in flames. The train was stopped before crossing the bridge and the fire extinguished. None of the timbers had been burned through but was a fair way to be destroyed. The rails at the point of the fire were red hot.

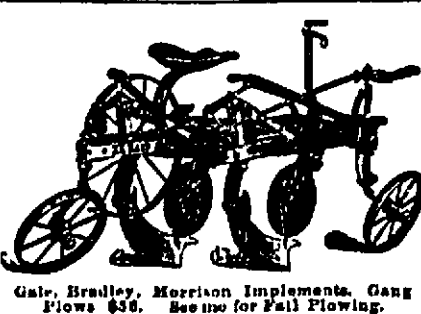
Born.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Gradenko, East Herkimer street, May 10, a son.

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Are they troubled with headaches? Are the lessons hard for them to learn? Are they pale, listless and indifferent? Do they get thin and all run down toward spring? If so, **Scott's Emulsion** will do grand things for them. It keeps up the vitality, enriches the blood, strengthens mind and body. The buoyancy and activity of youth return.

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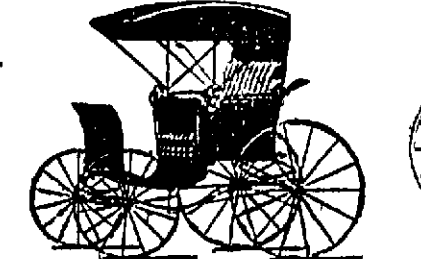
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One word to the wide-awake buyers: Call and inspect my goods before you buy. My goods are the best; my prices are the lowest. Prices talk when quality is right. My prices and quality of goods make them all talk and keep my competitors guessing. I have more high-grade vehicles than all my competitors in the city. Seeing is believing. I come to stay. My terms are easy. I have calls for Second Hand Vehicles. Call and see me.

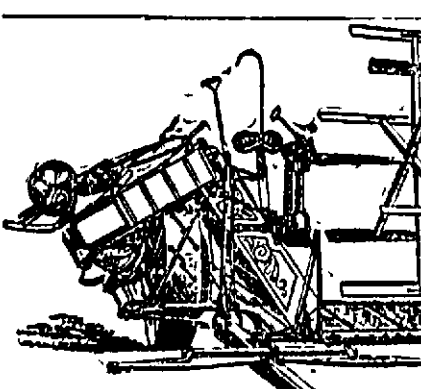
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Carriages \$55 to \$300. Buggies \$35 to \$160.
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Would kindly ask the public to inspect my goods before you buy—can save you money. I use Kelley Rubber Tire—guaranteed to wear for one year.

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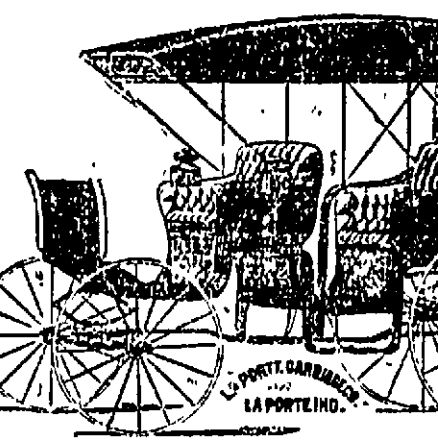


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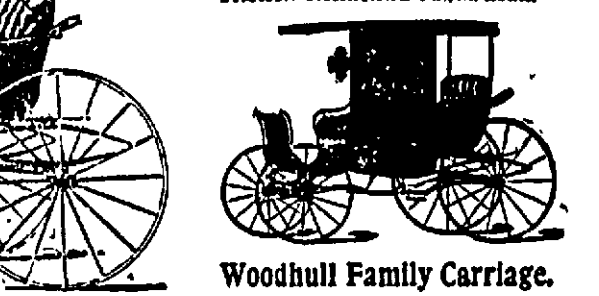
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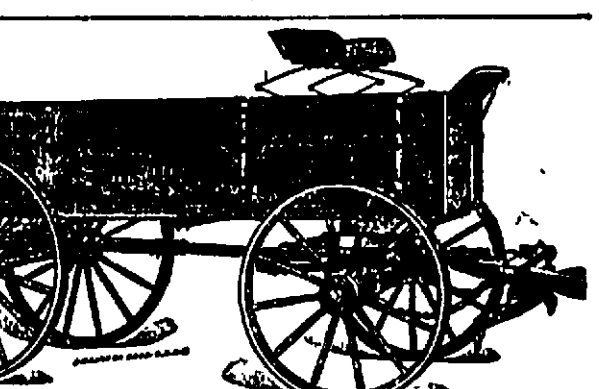
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RURAL ROUTE NO 2

Which Goes Green Switch
Way is Approved by
Agent Lynn.

WALT F. PETERS IS CARRIER

The New Route Will Serve at Least
One Hundred and Eighty Families
—Outline of the Route.

PETITIONS FOR OTHER ROUTES

Special Agent Charles Lynn got out of Meena county last night and went to Springfield, having business to look after for the department in Sangamon county. He has approved three rural mail routes in Meena county and could so do for other counties. He is now in Springfield, Mo., where he is looking over proposed routes. It is known that there are petitions out for at least two more and the thing is well started.

Thursday Agent Lynn went over what is known as the Green's Switch route because it goes that way past the farm of John Green, who was one of the first men in Meena county to become interested in the rural delivery scheme. The new route goes east from the city via Powers street along the south line of the Powers farm and turns north on the east side of section 1. After leaving Decatur township the route is on the township line between Hickory Point and Whitewater townships, six miles north to the corner of Marion and Vienna's Creek townships. There is a turn to the east, after continuing in that direction for one mile, the route turns and comes south three and a half miles, passing the Malone school house and stopping at the center line of section 1, the southeast corner of the Powers farm. There a turn east is made and continued in that direction one and a quarter miles when another turn is made to the south. Then the route leads south through the Garver settlement to the Garver church, where it turns west for a quarter of a mile, when there is another turn to the south, continuing in that direction to the northeast corner of Decatur township. There the route turns to the west for a mile and then turns south, passing the Brush Hill school and following the gravel road to William street and into the city. This route is about 28 miles in length.

HENRY JUBB, SR., DEAD.

Oldest Man in Illinois Township Passes
Away on Wednesday.

Henry Jubb, the oldest man in Illinois township, died at his home in that township on Wednesday. He lived four miles northwest of Warrensburg. The deceased was born on November 11, 1812, at Fishlake in Yorkshire, England. He moved to Meena county 18 years ago.

He was a brother-in-law of the late Thomas Acom, who died at Nianta several months ago. The surviving children are Henry Jubb, Jr., Mrs. Mary Downing and Mrs. Sophia Woodall, all of Nianta township.

The funeral will take place at his residence in Warrensburg, at 3 p. m., Friday, May 18. He will be buried in Greenwood cemetery, Decatur.

School Closed.

The Forest Grove school situated a half mile west of the city on the West Main street road closed last evening for the term and the occasion furnished the opportunity for a very pleasant little entertainment. A very enjoyable little program was rendered and this was followed by a treat for the children after which a spelling match was enjoyed. The year's work at this school has been very satisfactory and the fact that the efforts of the teacher, Miss Jessie Stevenson were appreciated is shown in her engagement for another year at an increased salary.

Buys a Flyer.

The crack trotter, Bel Esprit, by Bow Bells, who last year took a trotting track the grand circuit of 212½, was sold Wednesday at the Meena County Fair in East St. Louis for \$75. Dr. F. F. Field, of East St. Louis was the purchaser. The gelding was consigned by the trotting horse firm of London & Nickell, Hannibal, Mo., who owned, campaigned and sold the great trotting colt Bolos Brandt, 2:15½, several months ago for a long price.—St. Louis Republic.

New Members.

The regular meeting of the American Federation of Labor was held at the hall of the coal miners on East Eldorado street last night. There was a large attendance and a number of new members were taken in. The order is growing rapidly and as there is no indication of any trouble the future of the organization seems bright. A press committee has been appointed and given its seal of approval on all of the news items.

Foot Cut.

The little son of Charles Drandoff stepped on a piece of glass at the Sangamon street school, and Dr. J. B. Burke was called to sew the wound.

CAN THIS BE TRUE?

The Bloomington Pantagraph Says We
Will Have a New Team.

The Bloomington Pantagraph says of Wednesday's game:

"Decatur needs a new ball team if it expects to make a showing in the central league this season. They are not in it at any stage of the game with Bloomington, and it will take a whole lot of new players to put them in the same class. Yesterday they lost by the usual score of 16 to 3. Bloomington's work was perfect."

"The terrible business started in the first inning, when the home team got in three runs and in the next two innings brought in one in each, and two in the fourth. In the first four innings Decatur went out in one, two, three order. In the fifth they managed to get in two runs and in the sixth got in another, which finished their score getting, and the last three were a repetition of the first four, only three men getting a swipe at the ball in each inning."

"The Bloomington team took up the slaughter again in the fifth and landed six runs. In the sixth they got a goose egg, the seventh gave them two more, drew another oyster in the eighth and got one in the ninth."

"More officious as umpire again, and there were several kicks on his balls and strikes, but on the whole his work was very satisfactory. Staples was in the box for Bloomington, and did his usual good work. He is a regular pitcher and the few caught up yesterday, how it is that he isn't batted all over the field. To the observer he doesn't seem to have any speed or very many curves, but he gets there just the same."

Negro Murderers Shot.

Miner City, Miss., May 17.—Phillip W. Shaw, a prominent planter, was shot and fatally wounded by William Fleber and son, negroes, tonight. Information reached here that the negroes were captured and brought back to the scene of their crime and shot.

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But Little More Resistance
From the Boers.

London, May 22.—The Boers, according to a despatch from Mafeking, are now a few miles from the river, within forty miles of Johannesburg. The migration from Pretoria to Johannesburg, and the migration from Johannesburg to Mafeking, are now being carried out. The Boers are now in a position to attack Mafeking at any time.

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